



State Representative Selim Noujaim

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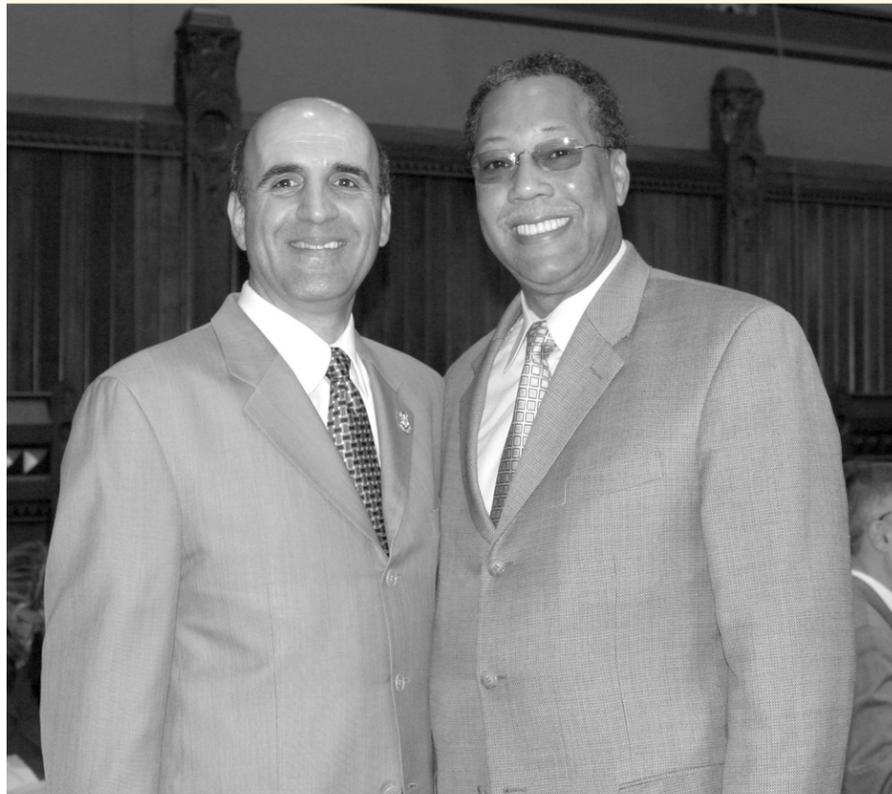
It continues to be an honor and a pleasure to serve as your state representative in the Connecticut General Assembly. During this past session of the legislature, I have continued to keep the families and residents of the 74th District as my top priority.

This Annual Report includes information about some of the issues that the legislature addressed during the most recent session.

As always, if you have any comments, questions or concerns, please contact me at the address on this report, or call me at 203-591-9190.

Sincerely,

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Rep. Noujaim in the Hall of the House of Representatives with Rep. Reggie Beamon of Waterbury, who announced he will retire this year.



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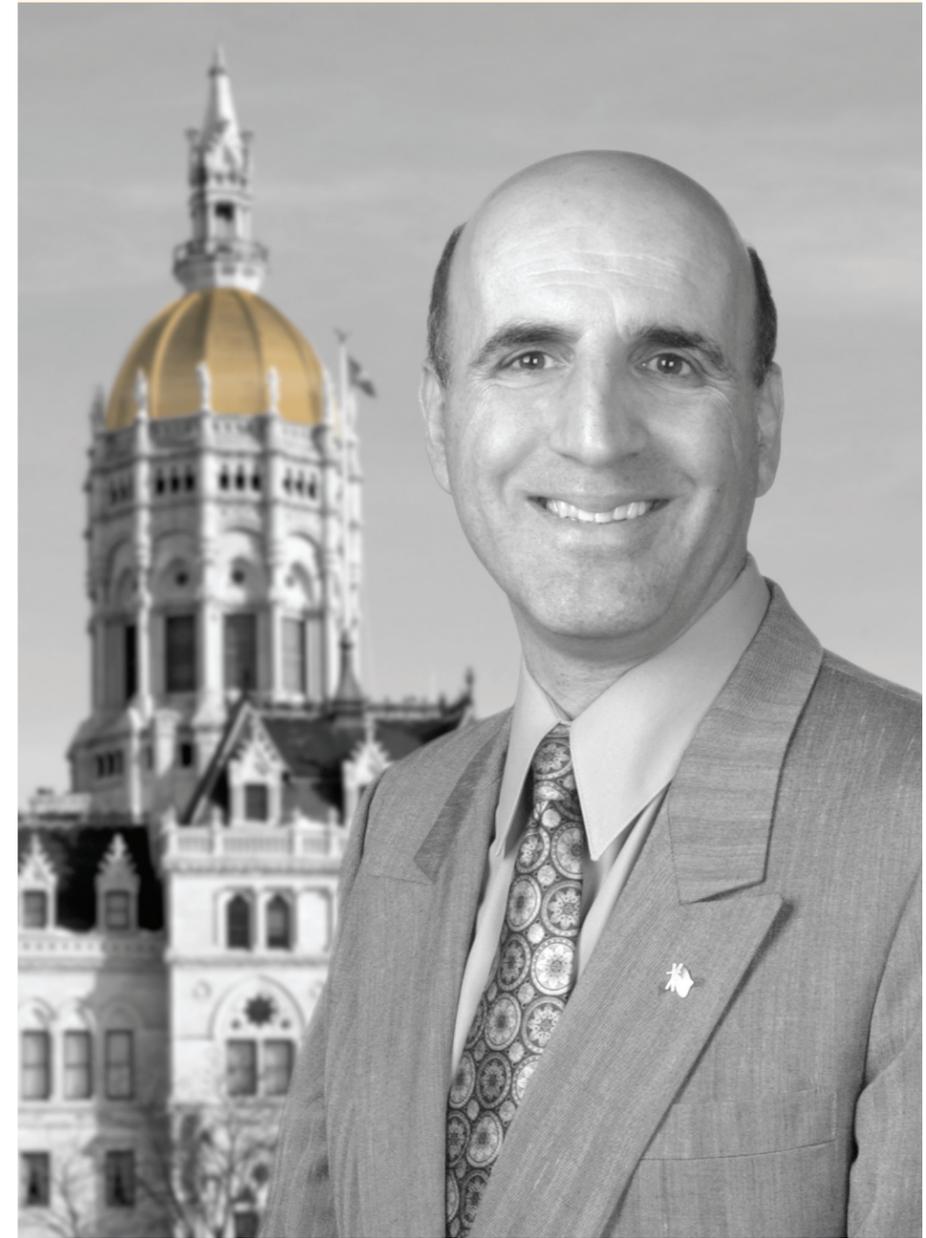


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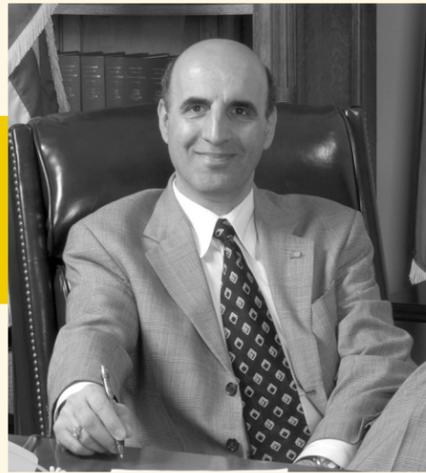


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2006 Annual Legislative Report



The State Budget

By the end of this session the General Assembly had approved a \$16 billion state budget that represented a compromise between legislative Democrats and Governor M. Jodi Rell and legislative Republicans.

The deal includes a phased-out repeal of the corporate surcharge, which many of my colleagues and I have fought for since the beginning of the legislative session. It also includes a number of tax cuts for business which will help improve the economy and increase jobs in the state, such as a phase out of the property tax on machinery and equipment.

We also increased deposits in the Rainy Day Fund from \$39 million to \$190 million, which boosts the fund to \$800 million. The budget deal also fully funds the Teachers' Pension Fund with an additional \$245 million. The final budget is also under the constitutionally mandated spending cap in both years.



To commemorate the 225th anniversary of General Rochambeau's march from Rhode Island to Virginia, a marker was installed on the Waterbury Green. Rep. Noujaim and Michel Besse, the Counsel General of France, unveil the marker with the help of a soldier in 18th century uniform.

Transportation

This year the General Assembly committed \$2.3 billion to expand Metro North and other rail services and improve Connecticut's highways and roads. The plan includes a study to widen I-84 between Danbury and Waterbury, and commits \$44 million to improvements to branch railroads including Waterbury. There was also an allocation of \$66 million to improve the parking lots and buildings of the railroad station.

Following a meeting I held with the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, an emergency project was initiated to complete the ramps on I-84 in Waterbury, and the contractor for the original stalling project has been terminated. The emergency work will make necessary repairs and open the ramps which were nearly complete.

I also worked successfully to demolish the eyesore of crumbling buildings by the entrance to Exit 25 off of I-84 East and West-bound.



Rep. Noujaim discusses legislation with Rep. Sean Williams of Oakville on the floor of the House.

Grant for Anderson Boys and Girls Club

I am pleased to report that the Anderson Boys and Girls Club will receive a grant for \$300,000 to repair their deteriorating pool and pool area. I have been committed to the Anderson Boys and Girls Club for a number of years, and have seen the deterioration of the pool and the pool area first-hand. I was pleased to respond to the call from the chairman of the club, Mr. Joseph McGrath, to secure this grant to keep their vital programs in place for our area kids. I especially appreciate the consideration of Governor Rell in personally seeing to the award of this grant.

For Seniors/Veterans

A new law allows towns to freeze property taxes on homes owned by people age 70 or older. Homeowner-companion agencies must now register with the Department of Consumer Protection and employees must undergo background checks. Legislation will protect jobs and finances of National Guard members who are called up for state service such as a natural disasters, just as they would if called up for national service.

CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS WORK 132 DAYS OUT OF THE YEAR JUST TO PAY THEIR TAXES



"Lowering your tax burden is a top priority of mine."

School Construction

The General Assembly passed legislation which would help renovate the entire structure of Kaynor Vocational Technical School. The amount allocated to Kaynor was \$60 million. I was pleased to obtain \$5 million to be shared by Crosby High School and Wallace Middle School for infrastructure improvements.

Jobs for the 21st Century

This year I co-sponsored a jobs bill that aims at improving Connecticut's stagnant economy, and increasing jobs in the state. As Ranking Member of the Commerce Committee, I helped usher this bill to the House floor. Another bill I cosponsored will help Waterbury to clean some of its brownfields, thus rendering the land useable again.



Rep. Noujaim converses with Boy Scout Troop 218 while they meet at Saints Peter & Paul Church Hall in Waterbury.